



Zero Waste Arlington September 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/23/21

Time: 7:00

Location: *Online Zoom Meeting*

Attendees:

Members: Charlotte Milan, Sarah Kmetz, Larry Slotnick, Jennifer Campbell, Scott Mullen, Meghan Correra, Paul Goldberg, Jim Ballin, Priya Sankalia, Jeff Timperi.

Residents: Monica Adler, Julie Benyo

The meeting opened with a *Land Acknowledgement* statement:

"We acknowledge that the Town of Arlington is located on the ancestral lands of the Massachusetts Tribe, the tribe of Indigenous peoples from whom the Colony, Province, and Commonwealth have taken their names. We pay our respects to the ancestral bloodline of the Massachusetts Tribe and their descendants who still inhabit historic Massachusetts territories today."

1. The August meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve; the motion carried.
2. It was noted that the Open Meeting Law language being used is outdated (the referenced E.O. has expired); Charlotte will ask the Town what language to use.
3. As our planned DEP webinar speaker has left the Department a new speaker is needed and there will be a new date for the next webinar. There are several local speakers that could participate and Larry will contact Janice Pare for a SME role. It was noted that three (instead of four) webinars may be held this year. Three weeks 'prep' time is ideal, and a date for the next webinar of on or about Oct 20th was proposed

4. An update from the Plastics sub-committee was provided:
 - a. Of note, was the draft NPP business criteria list; **feedback from the Committee was requested by Oct 7**
 - b. In addition, NPP 'incentives' (from the Town to a participating business) were discussed; Charlotte did not think any could be offered
 - c. It was also suggested that composting companies/information could be shared w/NPP businesses
5. An update on Policy/Advocacy efforts were provided by Paul and Jim:
 - a. Town's policy statement to reduce plastic water bottle use is in progress
 - b. Expanded bottle bill legislation (H3289) was discussed
 - c. ZWA members can contact Cindy Friedman's office to ask for her support for this bill
6. Sarah provide a Communications update:
 - a. Efforts are focused on a ZWA website
 - b. The Arlington Tree Committee site was mentioned as a template: arlingtontrees.org
 - c. Sarah and Priya will contact the Tree Committee to learn about their experiences
7. Recycling Coordinator update:
 - a. Swap shed will continue but hours will change
 - b. An offer was made to hire a Town Curbside Compliance officer
 - c. Charlotte discussed a potential compost study to take place in the Fall; volunteers are needed to include someone skilled in research study/design
 - d. Would review a sample of compost and sort then track findings; timeframe is 2nd week of November to begin
8. Rodenticide regulation support from ZWA was requested and Larry will ask ZWA support is requested as this is outside of our mission
9. A recent neighborhood-wide 'everything is free' yard sale was mentioned as an idea that ZWA could promote. Larry will reach out to the yard sale's organizer to gather feedback

Meeting adjourned at 8:30